

REMARKS

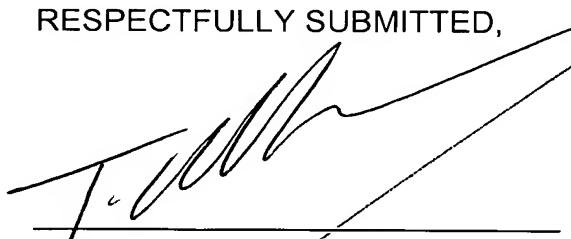
In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claims 1 and 2 rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC (102) (b) as being anticipated by US patent no. 4,558,788 Grothaus have been deleted.

Claim 3 that was dependent on claims 1 and 2 has been rewritten in an independent form and claim 15 that was dependent on claim 1 has been also rewritten in an independent form. All the remaining claims have been kept as such.

Based on what is indicated on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, it seems that the present application as amended is now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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